

VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL
Minutes
TUESDAY, APRIL 28, 2009

Pledge of Allegiance

President Kathy Miller called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Calling of the Roll

Present: Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, and Kathy Miller.

Absent/Excused: Bill Bryan, Mark Bird. (Both are in route). Mr. Bird arrived at 4.45 p.m. Bill Bryan arrived at 4:50 p. m

Corrections to the journal of the preceding meeting, if needed

March 24, 2009 meeting

Motion: To approve as published, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Darrick Scott, **Seconded by** Ed Ping

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 5).

Public Comment

Butch Pastore addressed the council with following question: How can an employee of the county work here during the same hours she's teaching at ISU? He is aware of an employee that "comes and goes" and leaves to teach classes at ISU. Mr. Pastore advised that he has informed the commissioners of this and no one is doing anything about it. Councilman Anderson said he was not aware of this situation. Mr. Pastore said all of this information could be found on the Internet. He just wanted the council to be aware of it also.

Jeff Dossett introduced by Commissioner Judy Anderson. He's from Maximus. Wants to do cost of service analysis of our user fee program. They are doing studies for Lake County and for Newcastle. They do a lot in Illinois, Michigan and Ohio. He proposes sitting down with department heads that charge user fees and gathering information, looking at overhead and then arriving at a true cost of what it costs to provide that service to the taxpayers. They do not set prices but rather help county arrive at true cost. They are proposing sheriff, clerk, recorder, auditor, and all applicable departments. Then they prepare analysis for the county and provide that to the council and commissioners.

In city of Newcastle last year they found additional 1.8 million dollars of potential revenue. Reviewed management and found they were charging

\$300 for a fee but it was costing them \$4,000. They made changes to save tens of thousands of dollars.

They would like to get together, to do this cost analysis, at a price of \$150,000 to cover all of the applicable county departments. They would like to see it implemented in 2010 budget.

Lou Britton representing CSN regarding the personal property tax abatement.

The Committee has met and given preliminary approval for the tax abatement (resolution 2009-6). CSN employs 207 people with an annual payroll amount of \$10.8 million dollars. The equipment being installed to upgrade the existing facilities costs \$7.8 million dollars. The property tax abatement will allow CSN to maintain operations, retain existing employees, and allow for future growth. Average wage of employee is \$19.92 per hour.

Motion: To approve the personal property tax abatement for CSN, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott and Kathy Miller.

Ken Stanfill spoke regarding the moving of records from 6th & Wabash. He has recently been a part of moving the court/county records. Thinks we need to be "imaging scanning" instead of keeping paper documents. Otherwise, in a period of about 5 years we will fill up the storage we currently have. We have approximately six scanners that could be used with proper software, people to run the system and any other necessary items. If run right, it can lower our operating costs. The annex can be separate from Courts. Of course, the courts are the biggest facilitator of records. Image scanning will save money, time and storage space if we can get the hardware and use what we have to scan in documents.

He suggested county could perhaps go for grants to set up this system so we can stop this paperwork from growing. Security would be better also. Mr. Stanfill thinks the situation will have to be addressed sooner or later.

Councilman Darrick Scott advised that the council and commissioners have thought of this for years and it is something to think about.

EMA director, Dorene Hojnicky addressed the issue of a telephone system needed at building five (5) at the Air Guard base. Most cost efficient way for phone and Internet is: ninety two (92) lines with 23 virtual lines with controller, which would leave EMA office line still up should the remainder of the system go down. The additional 23 lines would be available to other county users when not in use by the VCEMA. This system has more flexibility. The EOC would have 15 communication positions available with lines that would roll over. Cost: \$15,176.50. Some money has come back in from emergency funding (appx \$13,760.14) and will go back into county

general which will help defray the cost of this system. EMA is currently using 3 cell phones and air cards for Internet. In the event of an emergency, VCEMA would not have adequate communications to handle an incident. President Kathy Miller asked if the building they're moving into has hardwire lines? Dorene, yes but they are Air Guard Lines..... we would need to bring in more hard wire lines, which would be costly. Sharing virtual lines with other county agencies would allow pulling from whatever is available at the time. Per Brad Anderson, this system is compatible with ours (he asked Scott Swan, IT Dept). Scott Swan advised up front cost is initially more expensive but less expensive in the long run. Councilman Anderson asked about the lease on the building at air guard. Before we spend \$15,000 on phone we need to find out how much lease and utilities are and for how long? Mrs. Hojniki advised she has the final paperwork to confirm the lease length and cost and is meeting with the Commissioners. Commissioner Judith Anderson requested a decision on the telephone system tonight if possible. **Motion:** to suspend rules. **Action:** Approve **Moved by:** Tim Curley, **Seconded by:** Darrick Scott, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7). **Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, and Kathy Miller.

Ryan Oilar, council administrative assistant, advised that funding couldn't be approved this evening because of advertising constraints and the need to go through committee to fund this telephone system.

Motion: To approve of this phone system upon completion of a signed lease between Air Guard and the county commissioners. **Action:** Approve, **Moved by:** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by:** Tim Curley. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7). **Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, Kathy Miller.

Councilman Bill Bryan asked if the commissioners could go ahead and pay for this out of their telephone account until the money comes in from FEMA. Kylissa Miller, chief deputy auditor, advised that the commissioners telephone account is for monthly service fee, not capital project outlay. This is new equipment, a 400 series line item. Judy Anderson asked if these funds could come from the IT department funds until this matter gets resolved? Probably, but that needs to be addressed in a special projects or budget adjustment committee meeting and brought back before council.

Motion: to approve the proposal and to refer this request to budget adjustment committee. **Action:** Approve **Moved by:** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by:** Darrick Scott. **Action:** Approve, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes=7). **Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird and Kathy Miller.

Communications from elected officials of the County

None

Commissioners presenting 2010 Budget recommendations

Not presented.

Communications from other officials or agencies

None

Reports from standing committees

None

Reports from select committees

None

Ordinances relating to appropriations

Annual Budget

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2009-16

E911 Office Supplies. State Board of Accounts is collecting information for one more year before making decision on whether or not 'office supplies' line item can or cannot be used in the manner it always has been. **Motion:** To appropriate \$5,000 to E911, office supplies fund as approved by the Annual Budget committee **Action:** Approve Moved by Darrick Scott, **Seconded by** Brad Anderson, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes =6, Nay = 1) **Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, and Mark Bird. **Nay:** Kathy Miller

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2009-17

Additional \$55,000 in rent while new Convention & Tourism building is being built. New building should be done by June or July 2009. **Motion:** To approve additional funds for rent as per recommendation by annual budget committee. **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Bill Bryan **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7). **Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, and Kathy Miller.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2009-18

From the City of Terre Haute to study the beautification project for the riverfront. Plan will be up for adoption between city, county and possibly West Terre Haute once it is completed. This does not affect our edit plan. **Motion:** for approval, **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Darrick Scott, **Seconded by** Mark Bird. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:**

Yes = 7). **Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, Kathy Miller.

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2009-19

Supplemental Adult Probation request to use user fees. They need to cover expense of more filing cabinets and moving records. President Miller asked Judge Lewis if \$500 would be enough. He stated that it would not be enough they will have to ask for \$200 more later for shredding of some documents.

Motion: to approve, **Action:** Approve Moved by Tim Curley, **Seconded** by Ed Ping, **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7). **Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, and Kathy Miller.

Personnel

Resolution 2009-7

Health department wants to eliminate the Administrative secretary position and move that person to health secretary position. Approved by personnel committee.

Weights & Measures filling the position of inspector as per the agreement between the City of Terre Haute and Vigo County. Approved by personnel committee.

Motion: to approve, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Darrick Scott, **Seconded by** Tim Curley. **Vote:** Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 6, No = 0, Abstain = 1). **Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, and Kathy Miller **Abstain:** Mark Bird.

Special Projects

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2009-14

Regarding additional \$5,000 “admission fee” for Community Corrections program. Special projects committee approved this. Bill Watson gave overview of the program ...utilizing additional bed space in work release center to bring some inmates into program and freeing up jail space. Community Corrections will make the program available for fourteen (14) days to inmates so they can hopefully find a job at no initial cost to them. The Sheriff’s office will continue to provide meals at \$1.19 per meal. They will also help with hygiene items and laundry services and will bill Community Corrections for services. Once an inmate gets a job, they will begin to pay their own way. At the end of 14 days, if no job, they will be reviewed and either given additional time or be sent back to jail. The county will save more than the additional \$5,000 being spent now, as they will not have to pay medical costs once an inmate has been transferred to this program.

Motion: to approve **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Bill Bryan. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 8). **Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, Kathy Miller,

Budget Adjustment

Resolution for Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2009-5

\$350 transfer request from County Council. From legal fees to office supplies and travel. Budget adjustment committee approved.

Motion: To approve **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Darrick Scott, **Seconded by** Ed Ping. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7). **Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, Kathy Miller,

Additional Appropriation Ordinance 2009-15

Extra expenses due to Katron Walker capital murder case as well as others. Total of four (4) trials set within next few months with the bulk of expenses going to Katron Walker case.

Mark Bird advised he requested Tim Seprodi, auditor to call the judges and see if the money could come from courts budget. Judges advised that if their expenses run over they would have to come before council for additional. Committee advised if it could come from courts that would be their first choice but if not they approved granting the additional \$50,000.

Motion: to approve request, **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Ed Ping, **Seconded by** Bill Bryan. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7). **Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, and Kathy Miller

Honorary resolutions.

There were none

Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council

There were none

First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions

President Kathy Miller assigned Request of Council for the May 26, 2009 meeting to committee for further review and added the EMA telephone system to be assigned to the budget adjustment committee.

President Kathy Miller asked for a motion to move the June council meeting from June 23rd to June 16, 2009.

Motion: to move the date of the council meeting to June 16th. **Action:** Approve **Moved by** Bill Bryan, **Seconded by** Tim Curley. **Vote:** Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes =7). **Yes:** Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, TimCurley, Darick Scott, Mark Bird and Kathy Miller.

Appointments

There were none.

Adjournment

Motion: To Adjourn at 5.55 p.m., **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Darrick Scott, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 7).

Yes: Bill Bryan, Brad Anderson, Ed Ping, Tim Curley, Darrick Scott, Mark Bird, and Kathy Miller